

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 628
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James F. "Tim"
Schaeffer, Sr., of Fayette County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of James F. "Tim" Schaeffer, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaeffer was an exemplary public servant who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Tim Schaeffer served with acumen and alacrity as a trial attorney, in which capacity he earned the respect of his colleagues, his clients, and his community for the superior quality of his service and skill; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaeffer was born October 15, 1928, in Capleville, and was the son of Sandeford Julius Schaeffer, Sr., and Lillian Howard Schaeffer, both now deceased; he graduated, from Whitehaven High School in 1946 where he was elected "Mr. Whitehaven" in his senior year, having served as Sophomore and Senior Class President, Drama Club President, and President of the Future Farmers of America; he also lettered in track and sang in the Chorus; and

WHEREAS, Tim Schaeffer attended Memphis State University and graduated from the University of Tennessee School of Law in 1953; he served on the University of Tennessee Law Review Editorial Board and began his legal career as an associate at the Burch, Porter, and Johnson Law Firm in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, thereafter he established the law firm of James F. "Tim" Schaeffer, Sr., specializing as a trial attorney in plaintiff's personal injury law; in 1965, he won the highest jury verdict awarded at that time in a medical malpractice lawsuit in Shelby County; and

WHEREAS, during the 1960s and 1970s, Tim Schaeffer served on the Board of Governors of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America; he also served as the Chairman of

the Environmental Law Committee of that body and was a co-founder of the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association, serving as its president for three terms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaeffer was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1962, where he served for one term; in 1970, he served as the statewide campaign chairman for Senator Albert Gore, Sr., in his reelection bid, and three years later, he testified before the United States Congress in Washington, D. C. on the proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Evidence; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Tim Schaeffer was the Democratic Party nominee for the United States House of Representatives for the 6th Congressional District of Tennessee; in 1980, he co-authored the Tennessee Circuit Court Practice, which analyzed civil procedure and rules; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaeffer's other interests included farming, woodworking, boating, piloting single and twin engine aircraft, and land development; he was a man who found happiness in being active and productive, and pursued all of his activities with characteristic vigor; and

WHEREAS, Tim Schaeffer was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; by his passing he is reunited with his parents and a brother, Howard Prentiss Schaeffer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Schaeffer is survived by his son, James F. Schaeffer, Jr.; daughters, Amy Good McQueen and Jeri Schaeffer Killett; two grandchildren, Amanda Good and Peyton McQueen; siblings, Dr. S. J. Schaeffer, Jr., Carroll Schaeffer, Helen Pritchett, and Robert S. Schaeffer, Sr.; former wife, Martha Agnes Little, to whom he was married for thirty-three years; and many friends; and

WHEREAS, Tim Schaeffer leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of James F. "Tim" Schaeffer, Sr., of Fayette County, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of James F. "Tim" Schaeffer, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.